

Town of Fort Myers Beach
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet Number: **2012-006**

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: Jan 17, 2012

Motion to approve the Fort Myers Beach Art Association as the recipient of the Citizens of Distinction Arts and Culture Award, and Miss Bryanna Walker for the Youth category award.

Why the action is necessary:

To enable the selection of award recipients for the Citizens of Distinction Awards.

What the action accomplishes:

The awards recognize the efforts and dedication members of our community have invested in making our Town a better place to live. Recipients will be recognized at the February 21, 2012 Town Council meeting.

2. Agenda:

☐ Consent
☒ Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

☐ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ Other

4. Submitter of Information:

☐ Council
☐ Town Staff
☐ Town Attorney

5. Background:

On August 15, 2011, the Town Council adopted resolution 11-12, Citizens of Distinction Awards. These awards are designed to annually recognize, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our Town.

Awards may be granted in each of the following categories:

- A. Arts and Culture Recognition B. Athletic Achievement
C. Beach Heritage D. Youth Award of Merit
E. Mayor's Special Award (This award recipient selected at the discretion of the Mayor).

Three nominations were received this year of which two are in the same category, Arts and Culture, and for the same group, the **Fort Myers Beach Art Association**. One nomination for the group is from Kelly Leary and the other is from Mary Bushnell.


Miss Bryanna Walker was nominated in the Youth category and that nomination was received from Beach Elementary School Principal, Larry Wood.

6. Alternative Action:

7. Management Recommendations:

Select recipients from the nominations presented.

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Parks & Recreation Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Deferred ☐ Other

July 29, 2011

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**The Town Of Fort Myers Beach
An Entry for The Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program**

Citizens of Distinction Awards

There is an outstanding group of our Town who I would like to have recognized that have distinguished themselves in such an artistic endeavor that has not only brought enjoyment and laughter to many attendees of their plays but the proceeds from their talents they have given to fund our Cultural Museum, the Mound House. You may have attended their recent play "Tia-A-Ria written and directed by Local Playwright Laurie Nienhaus.

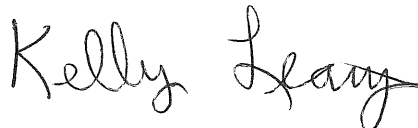
This group is comprised of the following actors.

**Laurie Nienhaus
Joyce Heckman
Carrie Hill
Marty Senecal
Jessie Titus
Donna Primo
Dr. Sherwood Cooper**

The above are Town residents who continue to use express their talents with such artistic skill that their venues on the beach provide such enjoyment for all that attend here and off island. They are indeed an amazing group of dedicated thespians.

Those who have enjoyed their plays wish to commend them.

Sincerely,



**Kelly Leary
130 Mid Island
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
239-463-6996**

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Because of the time restraint as I just learned of this opportunity to express my appreciation of the various times I have attended various programs that some or all of these actors have participated in, I cannot fill in all the criteria that your form asks for.

I do know that most of them have been residents for more than three years and much longer.

There are newspaper accounts of recognition of their performances in Bonita Springs and Naples.

Laurie Nienhaus appears regularly at the Burroughs Home along with Carrie Hill with various programs and is written up in many local publications as well as The News Press.

Therefore I feel they fulfill all the criteria for this award.

Sincerely,

Kelly Leary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Leary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

Please provide information on the nominee including:

- ✓ History of the individual, team, group or business
- ✓ Their achievements
- ✓ Their contribution to the community
- ✓ Details on how they have brought recognition to Fort Myers Beach

Please include a statement concerning why they should be recognized as a Citizen of Distinction.

The nominator may include up to a maximum of five (5) pages of material in support of the nomination. The support material must directly relate to the above information. Extraneous information will be edited from the nomination.

The chosen recipients will be recognized at the annual Citizens of Distinction/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held in October of each year. Award winners will be notified in writing prior to the presentations.

Nominator may be contacted if there are any questions regarding this nomination.

Name of Nominator: Kelly Leary

Address: 130 Mid Island

City: Fort Myers Beach Zip Code: 33931

Telephone #1: 463-6996 #2

Date Submitted: July 29, 2011



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NOMINATION FORM – Citizens of Distinction

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5. Mayor's Special Award (*not chose by nomination)

Submit Nominations to: Town Manager
Town of Fort Myers Beach
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Please review the criteria for nomination and present as complete information as possible.

**Name of Individual, Team,
Group or Business:**

Tea-A-Ria Actors
(LIST ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM/ GROUP ON A SEPARATE PAGE)

Current Address:

Fort Myers Beach

City: 33931 Zip Code:

Phone Number:

#1: _____ #2: _____

Number of Years Individual, Team, Group or

Business Has Lived/Operated in Fort Myers Beach: many years

Area of Nomination:
(please check)

- ☒ Arts and Culture
- ☐ Athletics
- ☐ Heritage
- ☐ Youth

Friends of the Mound House Proudly Present

TEA-A-RIA

Written & Directed by Local Playwright Laurie Nienhaus

Teatime Goes Italian...and might never be the same!



LAURIE NIENHAUS



DR. SHERWOOD COOPER

You won't want to
miss this day of
comedy and mischief.
It's a farce guaranteed
to make you laugh.

Lunch includes Charley's
Fabulous Soup & Salad Bar,
Boathouse Club Wrap,
Beverage, Tax & Tip!
Cash Bar Available

\$30 Show & Lunch
Sunday, March 20th
Noon to 3 pm

Charley's Boathouse
6241 Estero Blvd., FMB

Call Joyce at 463-0851 for Tickets.
Seating is Limited!



JESSIE TITUS



DONNA PRIMA



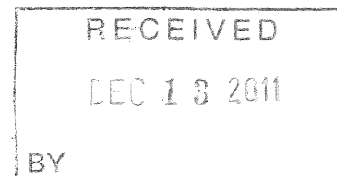
JOYCE HECKMAN



CARRIE HILL



MARTY SENECA



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Nominee Information:

Please review the criteria for nomination and present as complete information as possible.

Name of Individual, Team,
Group or Business:

BRYANNA WALKER

(LIST ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM/ GROUP ON A SEPARATE PAGE)

Current Address:

227 IBIS STREET

City: FORT MYERS BEACH

Zip Code: 33931

Phone Number:

#1: 239-738-2643 #2: _____

Number of Years Individual, Team, Group or
Business Has Lived/Operated in Fort Myers Beach: 6 years

Area of Nomination:
(please check)

- ☐ Arts and Culture
- ☐ Athletics
- ☐ Heritage
- ☒ Youth

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Nominator Information:

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Name of Nominator:

LARRY N. WOOD

Current Address:

2751 OAK STREET

City: FORT MYERS BEACH Zip Code: 33931

Phone Number:

#1: 239-463-6356 #2: 239-896-4607 cell

Date Submitted: 12-12-11

Staff Initials:

Bryanna Walker – Youth Award Nominee 2011-12

Bryanna was an outstanding student and person while attending Beach Elementary from 2nd grade through 5th grade. Since she moved on to Lexington Middle School, she has achieved the following distinctions (see also the enclosed performance resume):

- * High Honor Roll 6th / 7th / 8th (to present) within Advanced Classes in IB Program
- * Selected for Algebra Honors Course - 8th grade
- * Selected due to receipt of A grade in all 3 years of Spanish to receive HS credit for courses taken
- * Current member of National Junior Honor Society
- * Kiwanis Builder's Club Member && Officer (Treasurer)
- * District Pride & Patriotism Poetry Recognition - 2 years
- * District Winner for Constitution Essay-- 8th grade - awarded certificate & laptop
- * Spanish Project selected to be submitted to District Foreign Language Festival
- * LXMS District Book Battle Team
- * LXMS Academic Recognition Awards * Spanish Club
- * Yearbook Committee
- * Perfect Attendance 6th-present - LXMS
- * Requested to sing National Anthem 2 years at NJHS Induction Ceremony
- * Selected for LXMS Talent Show
- * Inducted into Jr. Thespian Society

Community Service:

- * Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Kiwanis) - 6-8 grade (all four hours every year)
- * Halloween Trunk or Treat Volunteer (Kiwanis) 6-7 grade
- * Coastal Cleanup (Kiwanis) - 6-8 grade
- * Collected & Wrapped Holiday toys for Children's Hospital Health Park (NJHS) 7-8 grade
- * Made & sold Angel Ornaments for Cancer (NJHS) 7-8 Grade
- * Made cloth blankets for Children's Hospital (NJHS) - 8th grade
- * Collected and shipped jean material for Teen Jean Challenge (jeans material turned into insulation for homes) - on her own 7th grade
- * Collected food, bedding, etc for animal shelters - on own && LXMS 6-8th grade

BRYANNA WALKER

239-738-2643

kkwalker7@yahoo.com // bmusicbhappy@gmail.com

Age 14

Voice: Mezzo-Soprano



Theater

✿ You're A Good Man Charlie Brown	Sally Brown	LXMS
✿ Broadway Cabaret	Galinda (Wicked)	CTW
✿ Alice in Wonderland	Alice	CTW
✿ Wizard of Oz	Glinda	LXMS
✿ A Christmas Carol	Martha	LXMS
✿ Mulan	Hong (Ancestor)	LXMS
✿ Bugsy Malone	Lexi (Tallulah Dancer)	LXMS



Voice

- ♪ Bach Festival Competition 2011 – Ave Maria
- ♪ National Anthem – Hammond Stadium 2009-2011 (with standing invite)
- ♪ Middle School All County Chorus 2010 & 2011
- ♪ LXMS Talent Show 2010 & 2011
- ♪ Selected as featured National Anthem Singer for NJHS Ceremony 2010 & 2011
- ♪ SWFAS Talent Show - 1st Place 2010
- ♪ Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Chorus 2009-2010
- ♪ SWFL Symphony Chorus Featured Soloist with Symphony At BB Mann 2009
- ♪ National Anthem – Germain Arena 2009
- ♪ 5th Grade County Honor Choir 2009

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Group or Business:

Ft. Myers Beach Art Association
(LIST ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM/ GROUP ON A SEPARATE PAGE)

Current Address:

Donora @ Shellman Rd. P.O. B. 2359

City: Ft. Myers Beach Zip Code: 33932

Phone Number:

#1: 463-6220 #2: 463-3909

Number of Years Individual, Team, Group or

Business Has Lived/Operated in Fort Myers Beach: 60 years founded 1951

Area of Nomination:

(please check)

- ☒ Arts and Culture
- ☐ Athletics
- ☐ Heritage
- ☐ Youth

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Nominator Information:

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Name of Nominator: Mary B Bushnell

Current Address: 675 Matanzas Ct.

City: Fr. Myers Beach Zip Code: 33931

Phone Number: #1: 463-6220 #2: 815/985-1234

Date Submitted: 12/15/11

Staff Initials: _____

Ft. Myers Beach Art Association
Application for Citizens of Distinction Award

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) was founded in 1951 when meetings of the artists were held in a chickee hut on the beautiful beach of Estero Island. Two temporary homes followed before land was purchased on the corner of Donora Street and Shell Mound. The present building was built in 1968 to enhance the working space for artists and bring a new cultural attribute to the island. Several remodels have taken place but the building has been, and is, used to further art education in the community and offer a working space and sales gallery. The association is a 501-C-3 organization recognized by the IRS as a totally volunteer and non-profit organization.

Working with the Beach School students has been a much needed volunteer effort through times when funding is cut for the art program at the school. Now with a full time art instructor on the school's staff the association continues to offer assistance. Students have learned to use watercolors to paint in the out-of-doors or plein air. Their work has been shown during Paint The Beach competitions.

Every year for a decade or so the FMBAA has awarded scholarships to senior high students who wish to pursue a visual arts education in an accredited school. Working with the Art Department of Cypress Lake High School the students compete by collecting a portfolio of their work which is hung in our gallery for judging. The FMBAA members are proud of our partnership with the Town of Ft. Myers Beach in securing the funds to support the awards.

Art sold from the gallery and various venues in Ft. Myers Beach have helped support both the artists and the organization. The 180 members are pleased when a buyer admires and purchases their work. Those dollars flow back into the community. A look at the visitors book shows that tourists come to the gallery and often purchase a painting or two.

The Paint The Beach plein air competition is organized and sponsored by the FMBAA, Fish Tale Marina, Cold Well Banker, Santini Marina Plaza and other FMB business's. It is held annually in November. Artists enter from many communities in Florida and other US locations. They paint for three days at locations ranging from Lover's Key, to Bowditch Park to San Carlos Island. Two paintings per artist are hung and judged for a first prize of \$1000 and other

awards. The paintings are then offered for sale at the opening Gala which has become "the elegant party" of the Ft. Myers Beach each year. Artists travel here, lodge here, eat here and spend their dollars here during this event. Paint The Beach will continue to grow as it is now a national competitive event. It has artistic, cultural and economic benefit for the islands.

The Ft. Myers Beach Art Association is worthy of a Citizens of Distinction Award because of its long history of supporting the town with programs, events and culture which has enhanced tourism, volunteerism, created benefits to children and adults which is and can be marketed to the larger community as a benefit to visitors and residents alike.

The Ft. Myers Beach Art Association wants to thank the Town of Ft. Myers Beach for instituting the "Citizens of Distinction Award" as a way to honoring those who give so much to make our town a wonderful and beautiful place to live and visit.